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Scientific Knowledge of Agriculture
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to equip farmers with scientific knowledge of agriculture through its covetous scheme, "Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether scientists are engaged in this programme for introducing new techniques of modern farming to enhance productivity and skills of farmers; and

(d) if so, the number of farmers skilled during the last two years especially from Rajasthan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) to (c): The Government has launched 'Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav' Scheme in August 2015 to encourage agricultural scientists to establish contact with identified villages and give suitable advice on farm technologies to the farmers on technical and other related aspects in a time frame through personal visits or on telephone. Under this scheme, a group of about 4 scientists each consisting of different disciplines from ICAR Institutes and Agricultural Universities have identified about 5 villages. Scientists also create awareness among farmers on important issues like climate change, customized technologies, protective measures, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and other issues of local and national importance.

(d) The state-wise number of farmers oriented during the last two years (2015-16 & 2016-17) is placed in Annexure-1. In Rajasthan, 215541 farmers were oriented during the last two years.
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